

MINUTES

**OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL SESSION**

**OF THE
ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

**HELD WITH
MOUNTAIN CREEK CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina
September 19, 20, 21
1986**

**Next session convenes with
Lawyer's Spring Church
Peachland, North Carolina**

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Proceedings

**Of The 154th Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek
Primitive Baptist Association**

Friday, September 19, 1986

The association met with Mountain Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Albemarle, North Carolina at 10:30 a.m. and joined in songs of praise after which Elder Guy Parks led in prayer and Elder Joe Helms, pastor of Mountain Creek Church delivered the introductory sermon using as a text Matthews 22:42-46.

After a time for refreshments and fellowship, the association opened with prayer by Elder Julius Sammons and convened for business. Elder Joe Helms served as moderator, Brother Tim Huneycutt served as clerk and Brother Ken Austin served as assistant clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches of the association which were read by Elder Paul Stroupe and Elder Guy Parks and their status noted.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Represented by entire membership.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Brethren Charles Helms, Gradon Helms, Tommy Marsh and Truby High.

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Maurice Broadway, Buford Hinson, W. T. Broadway and Jerry Honeycutt.

HIGH POINT: Brethren Clyde Locklear, Raymond Clark, Gilmer Mitchell and Clyde Payne.

MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Howard Collins, J. C. Honeycutt, Jerry Carpenter and Gene Herrin.

WATSON: No letter received.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Allen Copple, Arthur Auman, Barry Cole and Robert Copple.

HIGH HILL: Brethren Howard Edwards, Johnny Edwards, Edward Pressley and Dennis Pressley.

PARK VIEW: Brethren Claude Parnell, Frankie Beason, Richard McGee and Pete Smith.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Eldridge Furr, Vernon Medlin, Charlie Hatley and Arch Fox.

PLEASANT GROVE: Brethren Winfred Newsom, Clayton Griffin, Bill Curlee and Parks Mullis.

UNION GROVE: Brethren Carl Haigler, Barry Helms, Ken Austin and W. S. Medlin.

BETHEL: Brethren Aaron McLamb, T. H. Mintz, Dudley Lewis and Elder W. C. Mintz.

CORINTH: Brethren David Oliver, Phillip Brafford, Elder Richard Styers and Brother Dick Styers.

HERRIN'S GROVE: No letter received.

JERUSALEM: Letter not received.

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Lee Griffin, Randy Williams, Luke McCurdy and Howard Little.

NEW HOPE: Brethren C. R. Smith, Sam Campbell, Edsel Thomas and Sister Eugenia Campbell.

OAK GROVE: Not currently meeting.

There was a motion, second and unanimous standing vote to table the letters, not seat the messengers nor receive the funds from Watson, Jerusalem and Herrin's Grove Churches to comply with Rule #3 governing the association.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None were presented.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

Preaching committee: Brother Lane Vanhoy, Elder Newell Helms, Elder Guy Parks, Brother Clayton Griffin, Brother Reece Eury, Brother Barry Cole and Brother D. G. Dix.

Finance Committee: Elder Roy Speir, Brother Lynn Huneycutt, Brother Howard Edwards, Brother Frankie Beason, Brother Leroy Plowman, Elder Larry Austin, Elder James McLamb and Brother Joe Robinson.

5. Called for presbytery reports:

On Friday, February 7, 1986 the following elders and deacons formed a presbytery at Mills Chapel Primitive Baptist Church and ordained Brethren Warren Griffin and Reed Shue to the office of deacon. Elders Rom Kerley, Larry Austin, Roy Speir, Joe C. Helms, E. W. Hooven, Rommie Williams and Newell Helms. Deacons Howard Little, Randy Williams, W. T. Broadway, Jerry Honeycutt, Howard Edwards, Earl Pressley, Edward Pressley, D. G. Dix, Clyde Payne, Ted Myers, Truby High, Hobart Medlin, Charlie Hatley, Reece Eury, Vernon Medlin, Joe Robinson, Lane Vanhoy, Lonnie Eury, Tom Vanhoy, Leroy Plowman, Lynn Huneycutt, Richard McGee, Claude Parnell, Pete Smith, Frankie Beason, T. B. Curlee, Parks Mullis, Clayton Griffin, Carl Haigler, Barry Helms, Ken Austin, Ashburn Williams and James Williams.

6. Called for visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Worth Stephenson, Elder Derle McGee, Elder Raymond Wyatt, Elder J. S. Stephenson, Brother and Sister Coleman Strickland, Brother Kenneth Stephenson.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Minutes

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: Sister Nina Phillips.

POWELL'S VALLEY: Elder & Sister Kenneth Robbins, Elder Harold Hunt, Elder and Sister Roger Rhodes, Elder Steve Greene, Brother and Sister Ray Wells.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder E. B. Watts, Elder Gary Cordes, Elder Joe Burcham.

SOUTH ARKANSAS: No correspondence.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us and received the following:

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA: Elder Joe C. Bryant, Elder and Sister J. B. Lord, Elder J. F. Little, Elder Rubert Nobles, Sr., Elder and Sister Raybon Lord.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder and Sister Julius Sammons.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION OF WEST VIRGINIA: Elder and Sister Franklin Oresta, Elder and Sister William D. Foster.

BIG SANDY ASSOCIATION: Sister Thelma Abernathy.

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA: Sister Sue Alderton.

KETOCTON ASSOCIATION: Elder and Sister Raymond Pressley, Brother and Sister Evan Olinger, Sister Lucille Gray, Sister Lottie Woodward.

AMITE ASSOCIATION: Elder and Sister Bill Dillon, Brother Joe Dillon.

OLD MILL CHURCH (VA.): Elder Lonnie Mazingo, Jr., Brother Glen Edwards, Brother Thurman Jones, Sister Jerline Jones.

ZION'S REST CHURCH (FL): Elder and Sister James Land, Jr., Elder and Sister Herman Jordan.

STONEY CREEK CHURCH: Elder and Sister Elbert Hunter.

CAT CREEK CHURCH (GA.): Elder and Sister Bob Dickerson, Brother and Sister J. T. Stalvey.

LITTLE CREEK CHURCH (SC): Elder Charles Crapse.

PINE CHURCH: Brother and Sister Frank Jones, Brother and Sister J. W. Williams, Brother and Sister Clarence Brown.

AFTON ROAD CHURCH (VA): Sister Mary Griffin, Brother and Sister Harvey Lunsford, Brother and Sister Woody Inge, Brother and Sister J. S. Lawrence.

MT. ZION CHURCH (FL): Sister Nancy Brannen.

OZIAS CHURCH (GA): Brother and Sister Sam Latimer.

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Brother and Sister Rufus Bullins, Brother and Sister J. H. Dillion, Brother and Sister Otis Via, Jr., Brother and Sister John Dillon, Brother and Sister W. T. Spencer.

LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH (VA): Licentiate and Sister Lloyd Cox, Brother Craig Dixon.

LOVE'S GROVE CHURCH: Elder John Belton.

HOPEWELL CHURCH (VA.): Brother Leslie Wyatt.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (It is understood that any member of our association who is in good standing can represent us when visiting another association).

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA, (4th week-end, Sept.): Elder Larry Austin, Elder Roy Speir, Elder Guy Parks, Elder Rommie Williams, Brother Truby High.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA, (1st week-end, Sept. - Bethel Church): Elder Larry Austin, Elder E. W. Hooven.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA:, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Elder Roy Speir.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Joe Helms.
 TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Roy Speir, Brother Raymond Clark.
 POWELL'S VALLEY, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Elder Richard Styers, Brother Clyde Honeycutt, Brother Edward Pressley, Brother Gradon Helms, Brother Ken Austin.
 MT. ZION OF ALABAMA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Richard Styers, Elder Larry Austin, Brother Dennis Pressley, Brother Truby High, Brother Richard McGee.

SOUTH ARKANSAS, (3rd week-end, Sept.): Minutes.

- 9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.
- 10. Elder Rommie Williams was appointed to write corresponding letter to be approved at our Saturday morning session.
- 11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30; the meeting to continue at West Stanly High School.

Saturday, September 20, 1986

The association met according to adjournment at 9:30 a.m. at West Stanly High School. After prayer by Elder E. B. Watts the association continued with business as follows:

Item #2 was recalled in regard to Union Church. There was a motion and second that the association ratify the work of the majority of the churches in withdrawing fellowship from Union Church and their pastor, Elder E. H. Simpson until they get their house in order. The motion carried by unanimous standing vote.

12. Acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items 6 and 7.

- 13. Called for the report of the finance committee:

Received from the churches	\$3,497.
Received from friends	\$ 929.
Total	\$4,426.

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and ordered embodied in the minutes.

16. Extended invitation for the churches of the association to request fifth Sunday meetings and granted the following:

- November 1986 Union Grove
- March 1987 Crooked Creek
- May 1987 Bethel
- August 1987 ..:..... Liberty Hill

17. Unanimously agreed to hold the next session of the association with Lawyer's Spring Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1987, and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon by move, second and vote.

18. Unanimously agreed to have 1600 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual and that the clerk superintend same.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other associational expense the finance committee may consider expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed by standing vote that we give thanks to God for His loving kindness and to the members and friends of Mountain Creek Church for their assistance during this meeting. We would, also, express our thanks to Mr. Tom Rogers, Principal of West Stanly High School for the use of the school facilities on Saturday and Sunday. Likewise, we express our appreciation to the FCA Club for their assistance in parking.

21. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to the time and place designated in item 17 after reading and approving the minutes.

Benediction by Elder Rommie Williams

Elder Joe C. Helms, *moderator*

Brother Tim Huneycutt, *clerk*

Brother Ken Austin, *assistant clerk*

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Original Bear Creek Association wishes to extend to all of like precious faith and order that visit and correspond with us a warm and peaceful welcome. We trust our heartfelt desire is to serve the true and living God in an acceptable manner; that His matchless name would receive praise and honor. May God grant grace that our meeting together would be edifying in that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the mercy of God we have been blessed to meet in an associational capacity once more. As we travel our little stay on earth, may our goal be to seek and ask for the old paths wherein is the good way, and walk therein; remembering the trials and storms of life our forefathers weathered trusting in the almighty God. They prayed without ceasing for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Brethren, as we strive to stand today, may we pray without ceasing also, that future generations may also eat of the gospel table.

Dear kindred in Christ let us pray always for His cause and kingdom. Let this mind be in us, to love one another, to keep His words, and lay aside all fleshly desires that we may walk within the spirit. May we bear our cross and proudly display that banner of love in meekness and humility before men.

May God's richest blessings abide with all, that we may live and labor here in His vineyard to His praise and honor.

Dear God, grant us grace that we may cherish these sacred bonds of fellowship.

In love,
Rommie Williams

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning

Elder Joe C. Helms - Matt. 22:42-46

Friday Afternoon

Elder Worth Stephenson - Acts 8:29-39

Elder Bob Dickerson - Acts 8:26-29

Friday Night (Mountain Creek Church)

Elder Rubert Nobles, Sr. - Psalms 22:9

Elder Lonnie Mazingo, Jr. - Matt. 22:42

Friday Night (Meadow Creek Church)

Elder Charles Crapse - Psalms 37:23

Elder J. F. Little - John 1:14

Saturday Morning

Elder J. B. Lord - Ex. 17:5

Elder Kenneth Robbins - II Cor. 5:1

Elder Raybon Lord - Gal. 2:21

Saturday Afternoon

Elder Herman Jordan - Rom. 11:33-34

Elder Harold Hunt - I Cor. 9:24-27

Saturday Night (Mountain Creek Church)

Elder Steve Greene - I Cor. 13:1-4

Elder Roger Rhodes - Phil. 2:12

Saturday Night (Pleasant Grove Church)

Elder Julius Sammons - Eph. 1:15-23

Saturday Night (Liberty Hill Church)

Elder Bill Dillon - Rom. 9:27-28

Elder J. F. Burcham - Heb. 10:17

Saturday Night (Union Grove Church)

Elder Gary Cordes - Acts 23:11

Elder E. B. Watts - Acts 17:18-32

Sunday Morning

Elder Julius Sammons - Gen. 3:15

Elder Bob Dickerson - Acts 7:35-38

Elder J. S. Stephenson - John 1:1

VISITING MINISTERS

Elders:

John D. Belton, 123 Bank Street, Mt. Airy, NC 27030
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J. F. Burcham, Route 2, Box 25, Calera, AL 35040
Gary Cordes, 104 Mountain Trail, Warrior, AL 35180
Charles Crapse, RFD, Box 67, Estill, SC
Bob Dickerson, P.O. Box 2262, Valdosta, GA 31604
Bill Dillon, 8459 Ararat Court, Annandale, VA 22003
William D. Foster, Route 1, Box A1, Greenville, WV 24945
Steve Greene, Route 2, Box 355-A, Middlesboro, KY 40965
Harold Hunt, 2516 Maryville, TN 37801
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Licentiates:

F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St., Winston-Salem, NC 27107

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts:

Received from the churches	\$3,497.
Received from friends	\$ 929.
Total receipts	\$4,426.

Disbursements:

Printing, mailing and distribution of minutes and all other clerk's expenses	\$ 550.
Ministers and miscellaneous expense	\$3,876.
Total disbursements	\$4,426.



ELDER A. E. BROADWAY
1914 - 1986

Elder Broadway was baptized in 1939 at Crooked Creek Church. He was ordained to the ministry in September 1950 and served as pastor of Crooked Creek Church for 27 years. He also served as pastor of Jerusalem Church for almost 30 years, serving there until his death.

He ran the race with patience.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the passing of the following loved ones during the past year. *"Weeping endureth for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."*

BETHEL:	Sister Mary Hewett Sister Melissa Benton Brother L. B. Tompkins Deacon R. J. Somerset
CROOKED CREEK:	Brother Junior Rushing
HIGH HILL:	Sister Bertha Hill Brother Loyd Pressley
HIGH POINT:	Brother Jessie Willard Sister Blanch Ward
JERUSALEM:	Deacon Floyd Thomas Elder A. E. Broadway
LAWYER'S SPRING:	Sister Flossie Faulkner Sister Pauline Horne
LIBERTY HILL:	Brother Fletcher Smith Brother Oscar Burris Brother Shuford Furr
MEADOW CREEK:	Brother W. O. Anderson Deacon Fred Eudy Sister Mae Furr Sister Dallie Honeyctt
MOUNTAIN CREEK:	Sister Minnie Taylor Sister Flavella Nance Sister Autie Furr Deacon Charlie Vanhoy
PARK VIEW:	Brother Richard Dent
UNION GROVE:	Sister Ruth Baucom Sister Frances Clontz Brother Riley Ramey Brother Eliam Clontz

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BETHEL: Mason H. Anderson, P.O. Box 345, Shallotte, NC 28495
CORINTH: Becky Styers, Box 503, Kings Mountain, NC 28086
CROOKED CREEK: W. T. Broadway, 309 Rocky River Rd., Indian Trail,
NC 28079
HERRIN'S GROVE: Tommy Joe Allman, 5100 Highway 73 East, Concord,
NC 28025
HIGH HILL: Dennis Pressley, 1117 Tom Boyd Road, Monroe, NC 28110
HIGH POINT: Raymond Hicks, 2608 Briarcreek Road, High Point, NC 27260
JERUSALEM: Kermit Thomas, 2561 Eaton Road, Charlotte, NC 28205
LAWYER'S SPRING: Ronnie Edwards, 1814 Ridge Road, Monroe, NC 28110
LIBERTY HILL: Reece Eury, Route 2, Box 90, Oakboro, NC 28129
MEADOW CREEK: Marshall Gaskey, 174 Arlington Avenue SE, Concord,
NC 28205
MILLS CHAPEL: Wayne Efird, Route 1, Box 394, Rockwell, NC 28138
MOUNTAIN CREEK: Tim Huneycutt, Route 3, Box 219, New London, NC 28127
NEW HOPE: Eugenia Campbell, Route 4, Hopkins, SC 29061
OAK GROVE: Gertrude Griggs, Route 1, Chesterfield, SC 29707
PARK VIEW: William J. Sparks, 3540 Beroth Circle, Pfafftown, NC 27040
PLEASANT GROVE: Clayton Griffin, Route 2, Marshville, NC 28103
PLEASANT HILL: Allen Copple, Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203
UNION GROVE: Ken Austin, 3930 Old Camden Rd., Monroe, NC 28110
WATSON: T. L. Simpson, 12937 Rocky River Church Road, Charlotte, NC 28215

CLERK'S NOTE

What a sweet association we have enjoyed. Let us thank God for His abundant blessings.

May I say thank you to all who have helped in the preparation of the minutes and thank all of you for letting me have a little part with you.

Ken Austin, assistant clerk

CHURCHES MEETING TIMES

BETHEL: 1st Sunday morning, Elder Mintz; 2nd Sunday morning, Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, minister by appointment; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms.

CORINTH: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning, Pastor.

CROOKED CREEK: 2nd Sunday night, Elder Worth Stephenson; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

HERRIN'S GROVE: 4th Sunday afternoon and Saturday night before.

HIGH HILL: 1st Sunday morning, Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday morning, 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

JERUSALEM: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor.

LAWYER'S SPRING: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Parks.

LIBERTY HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

MEADOW CREEK: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Parks.

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Stack; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

OAK GROVE: Not currently meeting.

PARK VIEW: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Kerley.

PLEASANT HILL: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Hooven.

WATSON: 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

LOCATION OF CHURCHES

- BETHEL: 13 miles south of Shallotte, N.C., 2 miles off Highway 17 at Hickman's Crossroads.
- CORINTH: South Sims Street, Kings Mountain, N.C. 3 Blocks off Highway 74.
- CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, N.C.
- HERRIN'S GROVE: 4 miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant, N.C., 2 miles south of Highway 73 on road 1233.
- HIGH HILL: Just off Highway 601 north in the suburbs of Monroe, N.C., 1 mile north of Highway 74.
- HIGH POINT: 209 Rock Springs Road, 1 block off 1500 of North Main Street, High Point, N.C.
- JERUSALEM: 12 miles north of Wadesboro, N.C., east of Highway 218, in the Olive Branch community.
- LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, N.C.
- LIBERTY HILL: 10 miles west of Albemarle, N.C. on Highway 27 near Red Cross.
- MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road, between Highway 27 west and 200 north near Locust, N.C.
- MILL'S CHAPEL: On China Grove Road, just off Lane Street, between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, N.C.
- MOUNTAIN CREEK: 6 miles northwest of Albemarle, N.C. in the Palestine community.
- NEW HOPE: 9 miles east of Columbia, S.C., just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Road.
- OAK GROVE: 9 miles south of Wadesboro, N.C. just off Highway 742.
- PARK VIEW: Just off Sprague Street (Highway 150) near Highway 311 in Winston-Salem, N.C.
- PLEASANT GROVE: 3½ miles north of Marshville, N.C. approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on Lawyers Road.
- PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, N.C., south of Asheboro, N.C.
- UNION GROVE: On Highway 200 north, approximately 3 miles from Highway 74 north of Monroe, N.C.
- WATSON: Approximately 10 miles east-northeast of Monroe on road 1627 (New Salem Road) approximately 6 miles east of Highway 200 north.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subject of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

